

Hooligans caused this power failure

DUXBURY — A power failure earlier this month was caused by rocks thrown at a Commonwealth Electric substation, utility officials said yesterday.

Duxbury police are investigating the incident.

The softball-size rocks damaged lightning arrestors at the Old Colony substation along the old railroad bed in southeastern Duxbury, said customer relations supervisor John Corcoran, causing about 550 homes to lose power Aug. 10.

"We got a call from ComElectric that someone threw large boulders at lightning arrestors and caused a major outage," said Town Manager Rocco Longo. "It's serious vandalism."

Corcoran said the substation, which is in a wooded area near Old Colony Lane and Wadsworth Road, has been struck by vandals before. The utility is asking the police to patrol the area more.

A fence and netting surround the utility equipment.